

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5266

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## AN ACT

To reauthorize the National Estuary Programs, and for other purposes.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. COMPETITIVE AWARDS.**

2 Section 320(g) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-  
3 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(g)) is amended by adding at the  
4 end the following:

5 “(4) COMPETITIVE AWARDS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount made  
7 available under subsection (i)(2)(B), the Ad-  
8 ministrator shall make competitive awards  
9 under this paragraph.

10 “(B) APPLICATION FOR AWARDS.—The  
11 Administrator shall solicit applications for  
12 awards under this paragraph from State, inter-  
13 state, and regional water pollution control agen-  
14 cies and entities, State coastal zone manage-  
15 ment agencies, interstate agencies, other public  
16 or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, orga-  
17 nizations, and individuals.

18 “(C) SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.—In se-  
19 lecting award recipients under this paragraph,  
20 the Administrator shall select recipients that  
21 are best able to address urgent and challenging  
22 issues that threaten the ecological and economic  
23 well-being of coastal areas. Such issues shall in-  
24 clude—

1 “(i) extensive seagrass habitat losses  
2 resulting in significant impacts on fisheries  
3 and water quality;

4 “(ii) recurring harmful algae blooms,  
5 unusual marine mammal mortalities;

6 “(iii) invasive exotic species which can  
7 threaten wastewater systems and cause  
8 other damage;

9 “(iv) jellyfish proliferation limiting  
10 community access to water during peak  
11 tourism seasons;

12 “(v) flooding which may be related to  
13 sea level rise or wetland degradation or  
14 loss; or

15 “(vi) low dissolved oxygen conditions  
16 in estuarine waters and related nutrient  
17 management.”.

18 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 Section 320 of the Federal Water Pollution Control  
20 Act (33 U.S.C. 1330) is amended by striking subsection  
21 (i) and inserting the following:

22 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
24 appropriated to the Administrator \$27,000,000, for  
25 each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018 for—

1           “(A) expenses relating to the administra-  
2           tion of grants or awards by the Administrator  
3           under this section, including the award and  
4           oversight of grants and awards, except that  
5           such expenses shall not exceed 5 percent of the  
6           amount appropriated under this subsection; and

7           “(B) making grants and awards under  
8           subsection (g).

9           “(2) ALLOCATIONS.—

10           “(A) CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT  
11           PLAN.—The Administrator shall provide not  
12           less than 80 percent of the amounts made avail-  
13           able for this section for each fiscal year referred  
14           to in paragraph (1) for the development, imple-  
15           mentation, and monitoring of each conservation  
16           and management plan eligible for grant assist-  
17           ance under subsection (g)(2).

18           “(B) COMPETITIVE AWARDS.—The Admin-  
19           istrator shall provide not less than 15 percent  
20           of the amounts made available for this section

1           in each fiscal year to make competitive awards  
2           described in subsection (g)(4).”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 12,  
2014.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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